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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: CONFIGURATION OF EMBASSY OFFICE

REF: STATE 228262

1. PRIOR TO SCHEDULING 10-MAN SEABEE TEAM FOR SENSITIVE CONSTRUCTION, THE EMBASSY'S PROPOSALS AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS MUST BE REVIEWED IN THE DEPARTMENT BY FBO, OC, EUR, SY AND ANY OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED. WHEN AGREEMENT IS REACHED, CONSTRUCTION PLANS ARE APPROVED BY FBO AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR COSTS ARE SETTLED, THE DEPARTMENTS WILL NOTIFY THE EMBASSY.

2. SY WILL THEN BE PREPARED TO SCHEDULE THE SEABEE TEAM BASED UPON THEIR AVAILABILITY AND THE POST'S ASSURANCES THAT:

A. ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND NECESSARY EQUIPMENT,
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OTHER THAN TRANSPORTED BY SEABEES, ARE ON SITE;

B. SUITABLE HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS, NOT INVOLVING FREQUENT RELOCATIONS OF SEABEES, ARE AVAILABLE.

3. WHILE IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE SEVENTH FLOOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS INDEPENDENT OF THE TOTAL RECONFIGURATION OF

THE UPPER FLOORS AND COULD BE COMPLETED, IT IS ALSO UNCONSCIONABLE TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT FUNDS MAY HAVE TO BE EXPENDED FOR TWO ROUND TRIPS FOR A TEN-MAN SEABEE TEAM. SY DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE UNDERTAKING THIS PROJECT PIECEMEAL.

4. IN ORDER THAT ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WILL BE INFORMED OF THE STATUS OF THIS PROJECT, ESPECIALLY THE AREAS IN THE DEPARTMENT THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION MAKING AND FUNDING, SY CHANNEL MESSAGES ARE DISCOURAGED. TELEGRAMS RELATING TO THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE BY REGULAR CHANNEL.

5. OIC/NSU WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW OCT. 24 ON SCHEDULED INSPECTION TRIP. BUCS MORROW INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN AT MOSCOW AND ACCOMPANY OIC TO LENINGRAD. KISSINGER

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